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Welcome to the **NEW**
MonTAP Newsletter



Welcome to MonTAP

For many years some members of the Montana general aviation airport community expressed that technical assistance for airport managers, commissioners, and owners has been deficient. In an attempt to investigate this theory, surveys were distributed to Montana's airports to determine if airport managers around the state felt as though they have the tools needed to effectively navigate problems and manage airports or did they feel as though they were missing adequate resources?

Through the survey results, it was concluded that resources were lacking and those involved with managing general aviation airports around the state of Montana needed a place to obtain reliable information to navigate daily issues. Due to this need, the Montana Technical Assistance Program (MonTAP) was born with the support of the Montana Airport Management Association (MAMA) and Montana Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division (MDT).

For the past several months, the steering committee for MonTAP has been assembling a website to be utilized as a tool for everyone involved in airport operations. This website includes examples and other useful resources covering a variety of operation, maintenance and construction topics, as well as a contact resource list of individuals with expertise in various subject areas. Please visit the new MonTAP website at www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/montap.



Keeping Montana's GA Airports in the Loop

The MonTAP steering committee feels there is a strong need for ongoing communication with the GA airports in Montana. Creating a newsletter will be a good way to help fill that void and MonTAP will attempt to provide a quarterly newsletter. This publication titled *Unicom* will be directed to the airport owners. Please send the email addresses of anyone that you would like to receive the newsletter to tvtranch@rangeweb.net. If you prefer not to receive the newsletter, please notify us and we will remove you from the mailing list.

Upcoming MonTAP Meeting

The FAA will be holding their annual FAA ADO Conference in conjunction with the NWAAAE convention in Whitefish, Montana, on October 3-5 this year at the Grouse Mountain Lodge. Lodging is limited, but Whitefish has a number of reasonable accommodations still available in town. MonTAP is planning a social session with an open discussion on the MonTAP project. Last year at the fall meeting we found that many small airports were dealing with similar issues. This will be a great opportunity for MonTAP to get involved with the development at your airport as well as discuss aviation problems. Join us and network with other airport enthusiasts to create many great relationships and resources.



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